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A. Statement of Development Activity

The development project includes constructing an overnight parking and staging area for RV's and over snow vehicles.

The activity includes hardening the surface by grading and paving approximately 2 acres of an existing gravel pit to accomodate proper snow removal and vehicle access. A waterless double vault toilet would be installed to provide adequate sanitation. A bulletin board kiosk and proper signage would be installed to provide information about open riding areas, trail etiquette and winter safety.

Operation and maintenance would include snow removal and vault pumping.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The proposed project directly relates to OHV recreation by adding and improving overnight RV parking and staging for over snow vehicles in a popular winter recreation area in Hope Valley, California. This project will enhance winter recreation by providing an overnight parking component to the area. Winter recreationists travel long distances to the area and this opportunity would provide the only self contained overnight in the area. The project will add approximately 12-15 overnight spaces including trailer space. The Alpine Winter Recreation plan identified this location as a great opportunity for over snow vehicles and this development is widely supported by the motorized community and the public. This project will add to the winter experience and provide additional space for over snow vehicle staging.

Additional sanitation will be provided.

C. Size of the proposed development

The proposed parking expansion is approximately 2 acres in size. Parking would approximately 12-15 RV's, including trailer space. The double vault toilet is about 200 square feet.

D. Timeline for Project Completion

Attachments:

[Blue Lakes Snowmobile Overnight Staging Area_Timeline](#)

E. Location and Description of OHV Opportunities

Existing OHV opportunities include snowmobiling in Hope Valley and along Blue Lakes road. There are approximately 50 miles of groomed trails that are accessible from this development. Additionally, this staging area will provide snowmobiling opportunities to Bear Valley, Ebbetts Pass and Hwy 4. The development is related to the existing OHV opportunities in that it will provide additional parking and improve staging access for motorized use.

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1. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans

Attachments:

[Blue Lakes Snowmobile Overnight Staging Area_Layout](#)
[Conceptual Drawing Blue Lakes Overnight](#)

2. Land Tenure Certification

3. Project Specific Maps

Attachments:

[Blue Lakes Overnight_ map 1](#)
[Blue Lakes Overnight_map 2](#)
[Blue Lakes Overnight_map 3](#)

4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Attachments:

[Blue Lakes Overnight](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Application: Development

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Development	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The development project includes constructing an overnight parking and staging area for RV's and over snow vehicles.</p> <p>The activity includes hardening the surface by grading and paving approximately 2 acres of an existing gravel pit to accomodate proper snow removal and vehicle access. A waterless double vault toilet would be installed to provide adequate sanitation. A bulletin board kiosk and proper signage would be installed to provide information about open riding areas, trail etiquette and winter safety.</p> <p>Operation and maintenance would include snow removal and vault pumping.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Recreation Officer	30.000	351.130	DAY	0.00	10,534.00	10,534.00
	Other-Off Highway Vehicle Manager	10.000	313.560	DAY	0.00	3,136.00	3,136.00
	Other-Landscape Architect	20.000	348.730	DAY	0.00	6,975.00	6,975.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator	25.000	308.280	DAY	7,707.00	0.00	7,707.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator	25.000	325.500	DAY	8,138.00	0.00	8,138.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator	25.000	303.500	DAY	7,588.00	0.00	7,588.00
	Other-Engineer	40.000	349.370	DAY	0.00	13,975.00	13,975.00
	Seasonal Maintenance Worker	20.000	164.390	DAY	3,288.00	0.00	3,288.00
	Seasonal Maintenance Worker	20.000	196.920	DAY	3,938.00	0.00	3,938.00
	Other-Design Team	1.000	40000.000	PKG	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Contracting Officer	350.000	15.000	DAY	0.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
	Other-Volunteers	145.500	40.000	DAY	0.00	5,820.00	5,820.00
	Other-Visitor Information Specialist	202.300	15.000	DAY	0.00	3,035.00	3,035.00
	Other-District Ranger	473.050	5.000	DAY	0.00	2,365.00	2,365.00
	Total for Staff				30,659.00	91,090.00	121,749.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Asphalt/Striping	1.000	330000.000	EA	330,000.00	0.00	330,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Aggregate Base	1.000	33000.000	EA	33,000.00	0.00	33,000.00
	Other-Waterless Double Vault Toilet	1.000	36000.000	EA	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
	Other-Kiosk	1.000	3000.000	EA	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Other-Site Signs	1.000	3500.000		3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
	Other-Boulder Barriers	150.000	300.000	EA	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				39,500.00	81,000.00	120,500.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Backhoe Loader	100.000	34.430	HRS	3,443.00	0.00	3,443.00
	Other-Grader	100.000	24.360	HRS	2,436.00	0.00	2,436.00
	Other-Dump Truck	350.000	0.950	MI	333.00	0.00	333.00
	Water Truck	350.000	0.950	MI	333.00	0.00	333.00
	Other-Pickup Truck	1200.000	0.360	MI	0.00	432.00	432.00
	Other-Pickup Truck	1200.000	0.360		0.00	432.00	432.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				6,545.00	864.00	7,409.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	25.000	313.800	DAY	0.00	7,845.00	7,845.00
Total Program Expenses					406,704.00	180,799.00	587,503.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					406,704.00	180,799.00	587,503.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					406,704.00	180,799.00	587,503.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	30,659.00	91,090.00	121,749.00	
2	Contracts	330,000.00	0.00	330,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	39,500.00	81,000.00	120,500.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	6,545.00	864.00	7,409.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	7,845.00	7,845.00	
Total Program Expenses		406,704.00	180,799.00	587,503.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		406,704.00	180,799.00	587,503.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		406,704.00	180,799.00	587,503.00	

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The restoration portion of the project will improve meadow habitat, approximately 2 acres in size. This project will provide barriers to the area and the forest will apply for restoration funds through a restoration project application next year.

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

Cumulative effects were analyzed under the Alpine Winter Recreation project.

There is a growing population in California and Nevada, this project would be proactive in planning for this increase in use.

The meadow adjacent to the development will be restored, water quality and vegetation will be improved.

Vehicle emission standards are likely to become more restrictive as the population grows.

Refer to pages 8-35 in the Alpine Winter Recreation, Environmental Assessment.

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

The proposed development is an existing gravel pit that has been used in the past as a staging area for paving Blue Lakes road in the late 1990's. The gravel pit is flat and adjacent to Blue Lakes road and Hwy 88. The terrain is flat and will have minimal soil loss. There will be some minor clearing and grading of the site. Soils in the pit are not highly erosive, but highly compacted.

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

The parking development is adjacent to Hwy 88 which is a scenic byway designated under the State Scenic Byway and the National Forest Scenic Byway. The proposal limits clearing of trees and islands of vegetation that currently provides screening from the highway. The parking area will not be in direct view of the scenic byway and will be protected by natural vegetation.

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

There are no indirect impacts that would cause significant impacts to the project site.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Alpine Winter Recreation Scoping](#)
[Alpine Winter Recreation Environmental Analysis](#)
[Alpine Winter Recreation Decision Notice FONSI](#)

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1 Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2 Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2a., 2b., & 2c.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources

- a. Natural and Cultural Resources: Species 5

Enter the number of special-status species that are known to occur in the Project Area

Number of special-status species 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species occur in Project Area (5 points)
☐ One to five special-status species occur in Project area (3 points)
☐ Six to ten special-status species in Project area (2 points)
☐ More than ten special-status species occur in Project area (No points)

b. Habitat

- b. Natural and Cultural Resources: Habitat 5

Potential Effects on special-status species habitat (Check the one most appropriate)

Special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project Area (if YES, enter number of species).. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Habitat for special-status species known to occur in Project Area (enter number of species)

Reference Document

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project area (5 points)
☐ Habitat for one to five special-status species is known to occur in Project area (3 points)
☐ Habitat for six to ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (2 points)
☐ Habitat for more than ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (No points)

c. Cultural Resources

- c. Cultural Resources 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Project would provide additional protection to cultural sites (5 points)
☐ Project area has no known cultural sites (4 points)
☐ Identified cultural sites in the Project area will not be affected (3 points)

- ☐ Project impacts to cultural sites will be mitigated (No points)
- ☐ Project has unavoidable detrimental impacts to cultural resources (No points, Project application will be returned to Applicant without further consideration)

Reference Document

Alpine Winter Recreation Project, Environmental Assessment and Heritage survey and site forms.

3 Diversified Use - Q 3.

3. The Project is designed to provide for diversified use 5

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M.C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile | <input type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy, rail |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) [RV] | |

Describe the nature of the facilities for each item checked above:

Staging and parking for large vehicles including trailer space and overnight parking area for self contained vehicles. Provides sanitation facilities.

4 Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 4.

4. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan that supports the need for the Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

Alpine Winter Recreation Project

5 Recycled Materials - Q 5.

5. The Project makes substantial use of recycled content building materials such as 5

- Materials diverted from landfills
- Recycled plastic lumber
- Fly ash content concrete

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Natural barrier rock will be used to protect revegetated areas.

6 Sustainable Technologies - Q 6.

6. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as: 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Repaving with permeable asphalt
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Practices that meet U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver standard

- Water efficient landscaping
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Utilizing local building materials

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Sanitation facilities are waterless.

7 Sustain Existing OHV Recreation - Q 7.

7. The Project is designed to sustain existing OHV Recreation 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ Project directly improves or sustains existing OHV Opportunity (3 points)

☐ Project improves support facilities associated with existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

☐ Project involves construction of a facility associated with new OHV Opportunity (No points)

8 Motorized Access - Q 8.

8. The Project improves facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☒ Birding

☒ Hiking

☐ Equestrian trails

☒ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☐ Other (Specify)

9 Public Input - Q 9.

9. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures were completed during the Alpine Winter Recreation project including public meetings and annual review of the project. Numerous meetings were held with stakeholders in the development of the project.

10 Utilization of Partnerships - Q 10.

10. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 4 or more (4 points)

☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)

☐ 1 (1 point)

☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Alpine County
California Nevada Snowmobile Association
Lake Tahoe Snowmobile Association
Friends of Hope Valley

11 Primary Funding Source - Q 11.

11. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)
- ☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
- ☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)
- ☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s):

Forest Service would maintain vaults in the summer and partner with Sno-park for operation and maintenance of toilets and snow plowing during winter. Reference documents include budget workplan and special use permit.

12 Offsite Impacts - Q 12.

12. Offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff) have been addressed: 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points)
- ☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Alpine Winter Recreation project Environmental Assessment was completed in August 2007. The environmental effects section analyzed noise and watershed effects.

13 Riparian/Wetland Issues - Q 13.

13. Does the Project Area contain Riparian/Wetland issues? 10

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (10 points)
- ☐ Yes (if yes - respond to item below)

The Project utilizes the following techniques to prevent damage to, or restore Riparian/Wetland areas

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Re-routes to divert trails away from Riparian/Wetlands areas (2 points)
- ☐ Well documented evaluation and monitoring strategies (list reference document) (2 points)
- ☐ Provide bridges instead of wet crossings (2 points)
- ☐ Provide sanitary facilities (2 points)
- ☐ Restrict public vehicular access in Riparian/Wetland areas by placing physical barriers (e.g., gates, fences, bollard, boulders) (2 points)

Reference Document